

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/686,130
Reply to Office Action dated February 14, 2006

REMARKS

In the subject Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-6 and rejected claim 7. Applicant has cancelled claim 7 above. Claims 1-6 remain pending in the present application. No new matter has been entered. In light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the pending rejections and advancement of this application to allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

First in the subject Action, the Examiner rejected claim 7 under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in order to further examination, claim 7 has been cancelled above. Therefore, this rejection is now moot, and Applicant requests withdrawal of the same.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner next rejected claim 7 as being anticipated by Walden et al. under §102(b). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in order to further examination, claim 7 has been cancelled above. Therefore, this rejection is now moot, and Applicant requests withdrawal of the same.

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Conclusion

This response is believed to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-6. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 612.336.4755 to discuss the same.



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